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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 25, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-10 and 12-21 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-10 and 12-21 are pending, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action.